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Among minor details may be mentioned the author's use of the "utterly erroneous term" Nebuchadnezzar, as it is called by Farrar, for which the reason given that it "has been an English household word for centuries" is insufficient. There are several minor typographical errors. One that is especially unfortunate, because tending to promote an already common confusion of terms, is the use of Nazarite instead of Nazirite, on page 46.

The present volume cannot be said to contribute very much that is new. In fact that is hardly the aim of the book. But it gives for general use a very serviceable and helpful work.

G. R. B.

In Scripture Lands: New Views of Sacred Places. By EDWARD L. WILSON. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1895. Pp. ix. + 386. Price \$1.50. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co.

Thirty Years' Work in the Holy Land. Published for the Committee of the Palestine Exploration Fund. New and revised edition. London: A. P. Watt & Son. New York: Macmillan & Co. Pp. 256. Price \$1.50.

It is significant of the increasing interest in the Holy Land and questions of scriptural geography that these two books should have appeared so nearly contemporaneously with that of Smith. The former is a smaller edition of a work already favorably known, and with its one hundred and fifty illustrations, most of them from photographs taken by the expert author, gives one a sense of having personally visited the places so vividly and entertainingly described. The second work is far less readable, and is in fact a summary of the history of the Palestine Exploration Fund. But it is exceedingly valuable, not only as introducing one more directly to the magnificent history of that organization, but as giving in succinct form the results of its exploration. Neither work is pretentious of great scholarship, but each is helpful in its own way. No pastor can afford to be without the work of Wilson at least. About the other there is more question. With the great work of Smith and the popular sketches of Wilson, one is enabled as never before to appreciate the extraordinary little land about which so much of the world's religious history has centered.

S. M.

Introduction to the Study of the Gospel of St. John. By J. P. MacLean, Ph.D. The Robert Clarke Company, Cincinnati, 1895. Price \$1.50.

This book is truly what it purports to be, a prolegomena to the Gospel of John. It is to be commended for its completeness. Discussions are presented of every topic which could occur in the study of the Gospel. It is to be commended, too, for its inductive study of several topics, notably of the character and identity of the author and readers. The other discussions may lack in freshness, and possibly give nothing that is new, but they are nevertheless a reasonably full and systematic treatment of the facts.

The authorship of the Apostle John is accepted. The Gospel is represented as the real ideality of the life of Jesus the Christ and the glorification of all the relations he sustains to the world.

There is at the end of the book an interlinear translation which can hardly be of any value.

C. E. W.

LITERARY NOTES.

FROM the Photochrom Company of Detroit, Michigan, comes a *Descriptive Catalogue of Photochroms*, Holy Land Series. If all the series are like the admirable sample view of the Temple Mount, it will be of great service, not only in giving accurate photographs of the places of Palestine, but also in furnishing them with their natural colors.

ATTENTION should again be called to the admirable series of *Bible Class Primers* (Edinburgh, T. T. Clark. Imported by Charles Scribner's Sons. Price 25 cents), various numbers of which have already been mentioned in our columns. Each new number of these little books is a distinct addition to the cause of intelligent Christianity. That to be mentioned at this time is *The Truth of Christianity* by Professor Iverach.

A SIMILAR set of little books by great authors is that of the *Guild Text Books* (New York: A. D. F. Randolph & Co.). The latest two of this admirable series are *Our Lord's Teaching* by Rev. James Robertson, D.D., and *The English Bible* by Rev. George Milligan, D.D.

Both of these series are tracts for the times.

JESUS, THE WORD OF GOD. By C. E. Chase. A book containing all the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, chronologically arranged in parallel columns, without comment, followed by a comparative table showing the arrangements of Andrews, Broadus, Canon Farrar, Gardiner, Robinson, and Tischendorf. St. Joseph (Mo.) Combe Printing Co. We learn from the introduction, written by the author's pastor, that "The author of this book, setting forth in intensely harmonious vision, *Jesus, the Word of God*, as presented in the four gospel histories, is the ingenious, versatile and studious Professor of Commercial Law, Commercial Arithmetic, Phonography, Type-writing and Bookkeeping, in the High School of St. Joseph, Mo. He is also the much appreciated teacher of a large class of youth in the Sunday school of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and is the third vice-president of the Ratcliff Epworth League, enthusiastically directing the young people in their 'literary department.'"

Whether or not this introduction will tend to arouse confidence in the accompanying harmony is certainly a fair question. But the book shows much earnest labor, and in its arrangement of the parallel passages has one striking excellence in that the columns are invariably maintained in their